

Innocence Week: An Examination of Wrongful Convictions in America Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30, 2007

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Sponsored by the Washington College of Law and the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

MONDAY, MARCH 26

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Room 603

Luncheon Lecture: Legal Obstacles to Exoneration

How can a truly innocent person be wrongly convicted in the American system of justice? WCL Criminal Law Professors take a critical look at the criminal justice process, both pretrial and post-conviction, and discuss some of the legal barriers that can cause wrongful convictions and effectively prevent the exoneration of the innocent.

Panel: *Professor Ira Robbins, Professor Angela J. Davis, and Professor Cynthia Jones*

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Room 603

Luncheon Lecture: The Causes of Wrongful Convictions: Eyewitness Misidentification and False Confessions

See a videotaped false confession, hear compelling evidence on the unreliability of eyewitness identifications, and listen to a first-person account of an advocate who helped to exonerate a man wrongly convicted based on misidentification.

Panel: *Tim O'Toole*, Special Litigation Director, DC Public Defender Service, *Detective Jim Trainum*, DC Metropolitan Police Department, *Shawn Armbrust*, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Room 603

Luncheon Lecture: Kirk Bloodsworth: First Death Row DNA Exoneration

Kirk Bloodsworth was wrongly convicted of a brutal rape and murder and sentenced to death by the state of Maryland before DNA evidence exonerated him. Mr. Bloodsworth will tell the compelling story of his years on death row and his life after exoneration. There will be a book signing immediately following this program.

Panel: *Kirk Bloodsworth, Tim Junkin*, author of *"Bloodsworth"*; *John Terrazano*, Executive Director of The Justice Project

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Room 603

Luncheon Lecture: Exonerees Speak!

Two men falsely accused, wrongly convicted, and eventually exonerated after spending many years in prison will tell the amazing stories of their ordeal in the criminal justice system and their struggle for freedom.

Moderator: *Shawn Armbrust, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project*

"The Exonerated"

a play by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen

Thursday, March 29 and FRIDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Room 603

Our professionally-staged production of this critically-acclaimed play tells the compelling, true stories of six innocent people who were wrongly convicted, sentenced to death, and incarcerated for many years.

Tickets for this event are \$10 for students and \$30 for all others.

**To reserve space for the luncheon lectures or to purchase tickets for "The Exonerated" contact
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